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25X1 1. On 23 and 24 October 1950 the 20th Dukelsky Inf Regt was transferred from the Stefanik and Masaryk Barracks in Presov (R 49/E 37) to Michalovce (R 49/E 74). The Artillery Barracks on the Eastern perimeter of Presov was redesignated Masaryk Barracks in October 1950. The infantry company and the machine gun company previously stationed in Sabinov (R 50/E 28) were later also transferred to Michalovce. The regiment was quartered in the Stefanik Barracks, formerly State Barracks, which had up to then been used for the storage of agricultural products; the replacement battalion remained in the Jiskrov Barracks, Presov. (1) 25X1

25X1 2. In late September 1950 an infantry and artillery reserve NCO school was transferred from Milovice (O 51/G 00) to the Masaryk Barracks, formerly the Artillery Barracks, in Presov. The school moved to Kosice (R 49/E 34) in late October 1950. 25X1

3. A special unit, possibly a regiment, arrived in Presov from an unidentified post on 30 and 31 October 1950. It was quartered in the Masaryk, Stefanik and Jiskrov Barracks, while one battalion was stationed in Sabinov. The personnel of this regiment were convinced Communists and were armed with pistols and short automatic guns. The soldiers, who were very reserved in their dealings with the civilian population, patrolled the town and its surroundings. At the same time an AF unit arrived in Presov by air and was quartered in the Stefanik Barracks. (2)

25X1 4. Elements of the 14th Inf Regt were quartered in Roznava (R 49/D 49) and Jelsava (R 49/D 53) in early November 1950. 25X1
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- 25X1 6. [] assigned to a technical unit [] in Solosnica (P 49/T 02), was stationed in Kamenica nad Cirokou up to 21 October 1950. (5)
- 25X1 7. A tank regiment, a signal battalion and a motor transport battalion were stationed in Turcianski Svaety Martin (Q 50/C 69) prior to 21 October 1950. (6)
8. SNB training centers were located in Levoca, Bardejov (R 50/E 30) and Presov prior to 10 October 1950. Special stress was given to training in anti-partisan fighting in mountainous terrain. The SNB unit in Presov had the cover name of Jasan. (7)
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10. About 10 Soviet AF officers arrived in Kosice on 13 October 1950. Their missions were not determined.
11. Railroad employees stated repeatedly that Soviets wearing civilian clothes were traveling through Slovakia to Hungary. Numerous shipments were observed; they passed through Slovakia only at night. The Soviet personnel concerned were registered as economists or technicians. (9)

25X1 [] Comment. The transfer of the 20th Inf Regt requires confirmation.

25X1 An infantry battalion of undetermined subordination was reportedly stationed in Michalovce in October 1949. [] Since its reorganization

25X1 in October 1949, the 20th Inf Regt has consisted of only one infantry battalion

25X1 and a replacement battalion.

25X1 [] Comment. [] it possible that the special unit was a parachute

25X1 unit.

25X1 [] Comment. The information confirms the 14th Inf Regt in its previously

25X1 known locations. [] This regiment is believed to be composed

25X1 of only two battalions. For translation of the document mentioned see Annex 1.

25X1 [] Comment. The 32d Inf Regt [] was confirmed in Kosice and Trebisov,

25X1 [] For translation of assignment card see Annex 2.

25X1 [] Comment. [] a labor battalion, a company of which

25X1 was reportedly stationed in Kamenica in May 1950. []

25X1 [] Comment. The 352d SP Arty Bn, which is probably the same as the tank

25X1 regiment mentioned, is stationed in Turciansky Svaety Martin. []

25X1 The signal battalion is believed to be a component of the 4th Sig Regt, which

25X1 had been confirmed in Turciansky Svaety Martin up to September 1949. []

25X1 [] Comment. SNB units were repeatedly observed in Levoca, Bardejov and

25X1 Presov. [] The cover name of Jasan is used by

25X1 a special SNB unit which to date has only been observed in Prague. []

25X1 This special unit is employed for the guarding of government buildings, govern-

25X1 ment personnel, foreigners, etc.

25X1 [] Comment. []

25X1 Plesovce is the railroad station of the Oremov Laz troop training grounds.

25X1 For translation of induction order see Annex 3.

25X1 [] Comment. [] Soviet soldiers were concerned.

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